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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed July 6, 1998, requesting acceptance of a power of attorney on behalf of inventor Atul M. Mehta.

The petition is **granted**.

Acceptance of the power of attorney of behalf of inventor Atul M. Mehta is requested based upon an assertion that the currently appointed attorney "has not kept Dr. Mehta informed during the prosecution of the application of events in the prosecution as they have occurred, and has filed a divisional application and an international application in Dr. Mehta's name claiming priority from the above-identified application without informing Dr. Mehta prior to doing so."

For the reasons stated above, it would be appropriate to grant the relief requested. However, in order to assure that all interests are properly and effectively represented, all further correspondence to the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) must be signed by petitioner herein **and** by the attorney currently of record in this case. Dual correspondence is not permitted. Therefore, the PTO will conduct correspondence with the current attorney of record, who will be responsible for coordinating replies or submissions to the PTO.

While it is appreciated that this case has issued into a patent and prosecution is no longer an ongoing occurrence, nevertheless, any future correspondence with the PTO concerning this case must be signed by both the current attorney of record and petitioner herein.

As to the request in the petition to accept the revocation and power of attorney on behalf of inventor Atul M. Mehta in connection with any application in his name claiming priority from the instant case, petitioner is reminded that each application file should be complete in itself and a separate request must be filed in each application concerned. Note 37 CFR 1.4(b).

No further action being required in this case, the case will be forwarded to Files Repository.

Any further inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Frances Hicks at (703) 305-8680.

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